



# St Thomas à Becket Catholic Church

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th September 2020

Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you

## Mass Times

- 26th Sat Feria**  
 9.30 People of the Parish  
 17.30 Harry Hebborn +
- 27th Sun Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10.00 Father Hugh Thwaites +
- 28th Mon Feria**  
 9.30 Christine Gillox +
- 29th Tue SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**  
 9.30 Andrew Walter Williams  
 Thanksgiving
- 30th Wed St Jerome**  
 9.30 All Souls
- 1st Thu St Thérèse of the Child Jesus**  
 9.30 Billy Lowe +
- 2nd Fri The Guardian Angels**  
 9.30 Irene Vincent RIP
- 3rd Sat Feria**  
 9.30 Richard Doherty +  
 17.30 Stanley Davies +
- 4th Sun Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 10.00 Antonia Cafaro Rebecchinni +

### Confessions:

By Appointment

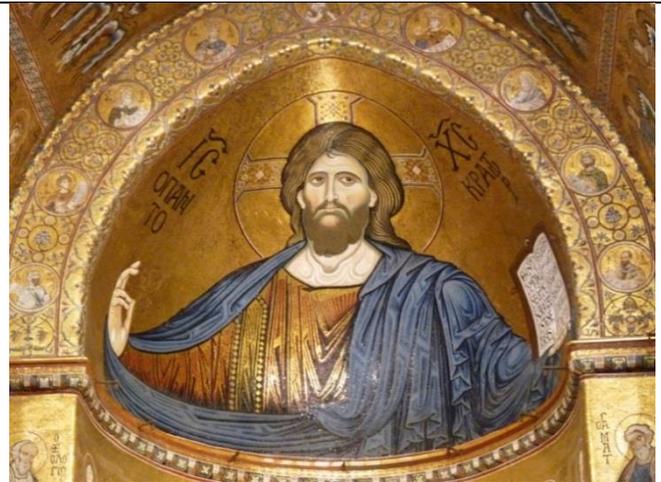
Sunday Readings: Year A Weekday Readings: Year 2

### Cycle of Prayer, Ordinary Time Autumn:

Students and Teachers, Spread of the Gospel, The Harvest and the Fruits of Human Work, The Reverent Use of Creation, Justice & Peace, Victims of War, Young People, Prisoners and their Families

Next Week's Liturgy Group: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



### From a Distance

From a distance the world looks blue and green,  
and the snow-capped mountains white.

From a distance the ocean meets the stream,  
and the eagle takes to flight.

From a distance, there is harmony,  
and it echoes through the land.  
It's the voice of hope, it's the voice of peace,  
it's the voice of every man.

From a distance we all have enough,  
and no one is in need.  
And there are no guns, no bombs, and no disease,  
no hungry mouths to feed.

From a distance we are instruments  
marching in a common band.  
Playing songs of hope, playing songs of peace.  
They're the songs of every man.  
God is watching us. God is watching us.  
God is watching us from a distance.

From a distance you look like my friend,  
even though we are at war.

From a distance I just cannot comprehend  
what all this fighting is for.

From a distance there is harmony,  
and it echoes through the land.  
And it's the hope of hopes, it's the love of loves,  
it's the heart of every man.

It's the hope of hopes, it's the love of loves.  
This is the song of every man.  
And God is watching us, God is watching us,  
God is watching us from a distance.  
Oh, God is watching us, God is watching.  
God is watching us from a distance

### Missio Red Box Holders



Would parishioners holding Red Missio Boxes please bring them to the Sacristy as soon as possible so the contents can be counted.

If you would like your Missio Box to be collected from your home please call Stephen Palmer (020 8875 1928) to make arrangements.

**You'll never love life  
unless you love people**

### Little Church

Due to the difficulty of keeping social distancing and other measures against the coronavirus we will not be having Little Church for the time being.



Due to Social Distancing problems we will be holding the next Parish Quiz on Zoom at 19.00 on Saturday 17th October. If you wish to join the quiz please email [wandsworthwesthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:wandsworthwesthill@rcaos.org.uk).

### Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up a new box of Offertory Envelopes if you use them, they are at the back of the Church. If you would like to start using Offertory Envelopes please sign the sheet which is placed near the Envelopes and take a box.

**Don't think you are necessarily  
on the right road  
because it is a well-beaten path**

### A Celtic Blessing

May you have -  
Walls for the wind  
And a roof for the rain,  
And drinks bedside the fire  
Laughter to cheer you  
And those you love near you,  
And all that your heart may desire.

### Forthcoming Dates

Quiz Night on Zoom..... 17th October  
Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....29th December

**Please wear a face mask  
while in Church**

### Age and Experience

An old Doberman starts chasing rabbits and before long discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch. "Oh, oh!" thinks the old Doberman, "I'm in deep trouble now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old Doberman exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder, if there are any more around here?" Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over his face and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!" says the panther, "That was close! That old Doberman nearly had me!" Meanwhile a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes. The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther. The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!" Now the old Doberman sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old Doberman says ... "Where on earth has that squirrel got to? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!"

**You can complain  
because roses have thorns,  
or you can rejoice  
because thorns have roses**

### Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £480.42 Bankers Orders £384

### Upcoming Second Collections

Today 27th September Organ Fund, 4th October Organ Fund, 11th October Organ Fund, 18th October Foreign Missions.

### Rotas

**Readers:** Sat: E & N Falcone, E De Souza, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast n/w Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sat: E Falcone, C Kawesi Sun: D Lyons L Delos Santos, J Cato n/w Sat: D McGavin C Kawesi Sun: R Nwodo P Fahy R McMullan

**Flowers:** V Barkho n/w A Oliva

**Maintenance Team:** 11.00 Saturday 10th October